

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of marking the location of a tubular joint, the method comprising the steps of:

 creating a cavity into an end surface of one of the tubular ends that are to be joined together;

 inserting a marker into said cavity; and

 subsequently joining the tubular ends.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tubular ends are joined by welding.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the tubular ends are joined by forge welding.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tubular ends are joined by a screw thread connector.

5. (Original) The method of any preceding claim, wherein the tubulars have substantially disk shaped end surfaces that are pressed against each other when the tubular ends are joined.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the marker comprises an electronic tag, magnetic or radioactive material.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the cavity is machined at or near the center of said end surface.

8. (Original) A string of joined tubulars, comprising:
a marker arranged in a cavity adjacent to an end surface of at least one of the tubulars, and wherein the end surface is pressed against or welded to an end surface of an adjacent tubular.

9. (Original) The string of claim 8, wherein said end faces are substantially disk shaped and joined by forge welding.

10. (Original) The string of claim 8, wherein a plurality of joints are provided with markers.

11. (Original) The string of claim 10, wherein each marker transmits a radio, magnetic, radioactive or other detectable signal which is different to the signal transmitted by any other marker.

12. (Original) The string of claim 8, wherein the string is a string of oilfield and/or well tubulars.

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